

Easterling, Deborah

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 2:25 PM
To: 'Elizabeth Needham'
Subject: RE: Protesting Proposed Increase under Docket 2011-47-WS

Dear Ms. Needham :

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2011-47-WS and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling

From: Elizabeth Needham [<mailto:bneedham25@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 7:53 PM
To: Contact
Subject: Protesting Proposed Increase under Docket 2011-47-WS

To whom it may concern,

I am a current resident living in York County—Lake Wylie, SC more specifically. I've lived here for 4 years. Prior to this I lived in cities like Chicago and Fort Lauderdale, to name a couple. Obviously these are much bigger cities than Lake Wylie. I was SHOCKED when I moved here and received our first water bill. I've never, ever seen such astronomical rates for a service that is a necessity. Carolina Water's service has been awful, the quality of water very questionable, and the rates outrageous. To hear the proposal of an 80% increase is absolutely mind boggling. I can certainly understand the need for an increase, but 80%?!? Have their expenses nearly doubled in a few years? Makes no sense. In our community, there are more and more homes on the market every day due to short sales and foreclosures. People are barely surviving and to hit customers with this kind of increase? Well, it's sickening quite frankly. This is absurd and I plead with the "powers that be" to deny this application. The good working people of these communities have no other options. We *have* to have water. Period. And there is no other company that provides to our area. How can they do this?? We are a 1 income household with a 14-month old. I can't express how much of an impact an increase of this magnitude would have on our family.

Please deny this application.

Much thanks for your time and consideration,
Elizabeth Needham
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